

April 10, 2014

Dear Interim Committee Members,

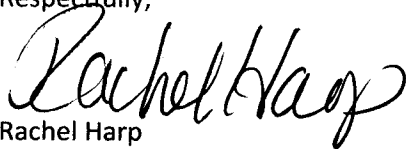
I am writing to you because I cannot attend your meeting in person to express my concerns over the implementation of Common Core in our state and in our schools. Through much research and self education I have been made exceedingly aware of the danger of relinquishing control of our schools over to the federal government. I believe this right and privilege needs to remain in our hands at the local and state level and I am definitely not alone in this realization. The majority of the states around the nation that have adopted Common Core are now aware that it is not the best option for their state. Well over half of the country has proposed legislation in place that is working to reject the implementation of Common Core.

I want to thank you for first of all giving of your time to serve our state and your constituents as a legislator. I truly appreciate the hard job that you have. I also want to thank you for caring enough about our children's' education to be a member of this Interim Committee. I implore you to continue on with your commitment and explore the reality of why this is not a good situation for our children, our state, or our country.

All belief systems and opinions aside, the truth of most decision making for any institution, let alone the government, is based on a financial outlook. The reality is that our state cannot bear the burden of the weight of this choice without further taxation to our hard working citizens.

Again thank you for all that you do to serve and please consider drafting legislation to reject the implementation of Common Core in our state. It is not the best option for any of us for so many reasons. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Harp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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